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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer system having a processor and one or

more computer readable storage media having computer usable instructions embodied thereon

that, when executed, perform a method for facilitating interaction between a first participating

device having a computer processor and storage and the first participating device's immediate

environment, the system comprising:

a detection module on associated with the first participating device having

a computer processor, storage and a first user interface for automatically detecting

proximity of a second participating device having a second user interface within

the first participating device's immediate environment and utilizing such

proximity detection to generate a dynamically updated list of detected nearby

devices within the first participating device's immediate environment, wherein

proximity of the second participating device within the first participating device's

immediate environment is close in physical space, and wherein the list of detected

nearby devices includes a record of all participating devices detected by the

detection module to be close in physical space and their respective physical

locations within the proximity of the first participating device; and

a user-configurable authorization module on the first participating device

for authorizing the first participating device to adjust a first device user interface

associated therewith in a predetermined manner to display contents of a second

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device user interface in response to the detection of the second participating

device, wherein the user-configurable authorization module comprises an

arbitration module for resolving disputes between devices having an identical

authorization status

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the user

configurable authorization module identifies one of the first participating device and the second

participating device as a controlling device and the other as a controlled device

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the controlling device

comprises shared resources for sharing with the controlled device.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the detection module

detects one of an active participant and a passive participant.

5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 4, wherein the detection

module detects the passive participant and the device user interface adjusted is a detecting device

user interface.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 4, wherein the detection

module detects the active participant and the user-configurable authorization module authorizes

adjustment of the device user interface of a detected active participant.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the user-

configurable authorization module includes an authorization status to control the second

participating device.

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 (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the userconfigurable authorization module includes an authorization status to be controlled by another

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device.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, further comprising a

command and control translation module for receiving instructions from a user regarding actions

to be taken by the controlling device.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, further comprising

a UI element manager for taking directions from the command and control translation module.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) A method being performed by a processor and a

memory for facilitating interaction between a device and a device immediate environment, the

method comprising:

detecting, via a first computing process, a participant present within the

device immediate environment;

maintaining, via a second computing process, a dynamically updated list

of detected nearby devices within the device immediate environment for each

device, wherein the list of detected nearby devices maintains a record of all

participants detected to be close in physical space and their physical locations

within the proximity of the first participating device; and

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adjusting, via a third computing process, a first device user interface to

display contents of a second device user interface based on user-configured rules

set forth in the a device authorization module in response to the detection of the

participant, wherein the device authorization module identifies the device as one

of a controlling device and a controlled device provides an authorization status as

 $\overline{\mbox{one of controlled or controlling}}$  and resolves disputes between devices having an

identical authorization status,

and wherein each of the first, second and third computing processes is

performed by the device.

(Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13 44, further comprising

sharing resources from the controlling device with the controlled device.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising detecting one

of an active participant and a passive participant.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising

detecting a passive participant and authorizing a detecting device to adjust the device user

interface of the detecting device,

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the passive participant

has an RFID tag and the detecting device launches an application in response to the detection of

the RFID tag.

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19. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising detecting an

active participant, and authorizing adjustment of the active participant user interface.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13 44, further comprising

receiving instructions from a user regarding actions to be taken by the controlling device.

23-24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) A system having a processor and one or more

computer readable storage media having computer usable instructions embodied thereon that,

when executed, perform a method for sharing resources among multiple participating devices,

wherein each of the multiple participating devices has a computer processor, storage and a

device specific set of application resources, the system comprising:

a detection module on a associated with the first participating device

having a computer processor and storage for detecting proximity of the first

participating device to a second participating device, wherein proximity of the

first participating device to the second participating device is close in physical

space:

a dynamically updated nearby device list of detected devices within the

first participating device's immediate environment for maintaining a record of all

participating devices detected to be close in physical space and their physical

locations within the proximity of the first participating device;

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and

a configurable resource regulation mechanism for making the first

participating device acquire the device specific application resources from the

second participating device available to the first participating device, wherein the

configurable resource regulation mechanism comprises a user-configurable

authorization module for providing each participating device with an

authorization status as one of a controlled device and a controlling device and an

arbitration mechanism for resolving disputes between devices having an identical

authorization status

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Cancelled).

28. (Cancelled).

29. (Currently Amended) A method being performed by a processor and a

memory for facilitating resource sharing between multiple devices, the method comprising:

allowing, via a first computing process, a user to configure regulation of

shared resources between multiple participating devices, wherein each device is

capable of communicating directly with all other devices; and

maintaining, via a second computing process, a list of detected

participating devices based on proximity within an immediate environment to a

first participating device, wherein proximity within an immediate environment is

detected to be close in physical space, and wherein the list of detected

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participating devices maintains a record of all devices detected to be close in

physical space and their physical locations within the proximity of the first

participating device; and

enabling, via a third computing process regulation of device resources

based on proximity of a first participating device to a second participating device,

wherein regulation includes acquiring making device specific application

resources of the first participating device available to by the second participating

device based on an authorization status identifying each device as one of a

controlling device and a controlled device using an authorization module and

resolving disputes between devices having an identical authorization status, and

wherein each of the first, second and third computing processes is performed by

one or more of the multiple devices.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, further comprising sharing

resources from the controlling device with the controlled device.

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